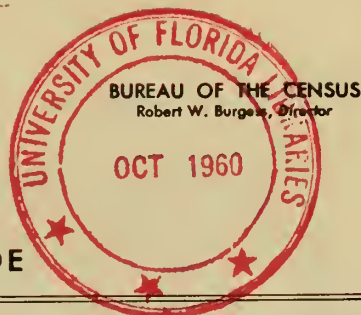


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# IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States imports for consumption from \$1,253.1 million in May to \$1,295.6 million in June, an advance of about three percent, resulted from sizable increases in imports of semimanufactures and crude materials. Imports of the three remaining economic classes of commodities, manufactured foodstuffs, crude foodstuffs, and finished manufactures, decreased slightly during the period. The June 1960 imports for consumption total, however, was about three percent less than the June 1959 total of \$1,335.4 million.

For the first six months of 1960, imports for consumption were valued at \$7,612.2 million or about four percent more than the \$7,307.2 million reported for the corresponding period of 1959. The Bureau also stated that the imports for consumption total for fiscal year 1960 (July 1959-June 1960) amounted to \$15,292.1 million, a level about 10 percent higher than the \$13,890.5 million reported for fiscal year 1959 (July 1958-June 1959). Fiscal year 1960 "duty free" commodities were valued at \$5,887.4 million, or about 39 percent of the total as compared to \$5,517.3 million, or about 40 percent of the total, reported for fiscal year 1959.

Imports of semimanufactures climbed from \$243.3 million in May to \$269.2 million in June

due mainly to increases in imports of individual commodities included in this economic class as follows: gas and fuel oil, from \$33.7 to \$37.4 million; nickel and alloys, from \$8.1 to \$11.7 million; and copper, from \$23.3 to \$26.5 million. The rise in imports of crude materials from \$256.3 to \$281.8 million largely reflected increases in imports of crude petroleum, from \$69.5 to \$87.0 million; unmanufactured wool, from \$7.9 to \$12.7 million; and diamonds for industrial use, from \$2.7 to \$5.6 million.

Imports of manufactured foodstuffs declined from \$144.9 million in May to \$140.6 million in June as a drop in imports of cane sugar from \$58.3 to \$49.9 million was partly offset by a rise in imports of meat products from \$24.3 to \$29.7 million. The slight decline in imports of crude foodstuffs from \$155.6 to \$152.6 million reflected, in part, decreases in imports of cattle, except for breeding, from \$6.9 to \$4.0 million and fresh and dried vegetables, from \$3.5 to \$1.4 million. Imports of finished manufactures decreased slightly from \$453.0 to \$451.4 million owing chiefly to a substantial decrease in imports of automobiles and parts, from \$62.7 to \$49.6 million and to a decline in imports of steel mill products from \$27.5 to \$24.1 million which were largely offset by small, scattered increases in imports of many of the other commodities included in this economic class.

### EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

**COVERAGE:** Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped intransit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

**VALUATION:** Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

**EFFECT OF SAMPLING:** Formal entry shipments valued less than \$100 and informal entry shipments valued \$250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. These estimated values are shown in the tables of this report as "Estimated value \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures." The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:  
JUNE 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See the "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures.)

Economic class and commodity	June 1960	May 1960	June 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Total.....value..	1,295.6	1,253.1	1,335.4	1,248.9	1,061.6
Free.....value..	530.6	509.2	507.9	485.2	445.1
Dutiable.....value..	765.0	743.9	827.5	763.8	616.5
Crude materials.....value..	281.8	256.3	287.8	257.7	230.0
Hides and skins.....value..	8.0	8.0	9.0	7.3	4.5
Undressed furs.....value..	7.2	5.7	7.5	8.0	6.7
Crude rubber.....1,000,000 lb..	71	72	104	108	89
value..	27.1	27.1	29.3	32.1	20.9
Copra.....1,000 lb..	69,708	69,922	51,998	58,808	50,102
value..	5.9	6.6	5.4	5.7	4.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	14,783	13,062	12,671	12,640	11,543
value..	10.6	9.8	9.0	9.3	8.7
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	6,411	6,773	6,595	12,760	12,190
value..	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.1	2.5
Jute and jute butts.....long tons..	3,319	5,835	6,592	5,740	3,121
value..	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.7
Sisal and henequen.....long tons..	7,276	6,050	11,355	10,432	9,767
value..	1.3	1.1	1.8	1.7	1.3
Wool, unmanufactured, free.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	22	14	24	21	13
clean content <sup>1</sup> ..	17	11	18	16	10
value..	12.7	7.9	11.9	10.3	6.6
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	10	7	12	13	9
clean content <sup>1</sup> ..	7	5	8	9	6
value..	7.0	5.9	6.9	8.4	7.1
Pulpwood.....1,000 cords..	102	74	91	104	114
value..	2.0	1.3	1.8	2.2	2.4
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	39,153	31,291	42,391	31,841	31,976
value..	87.0	69.5	94.6	72.2	78.3
Diamonds, rough or uncut.....1,000 carats..	92	110	140	133	94
value..	7.4	9.7	6.1	7.9	6.0
Diamonds, for industrial use.....1,000 carats..	1,614	521	1,170	1,089	839
value..	5.6	2.7	5.5	5.2	3.3
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	4,221	3,717	4,125	2,969	2,296
value..	40.0	34.7	35.9	26.0	19.3
Ferroalloying ores.....value..	11.9	10.1	11.8	11.0	11.4
Copper (copper content).....1,000 lb..	22,563	35,103	4,842	6,700	16,884
value..	6.9	10.1	1.4	1.9	3.8
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	8,019	41,435	5,284	22,861	39,772
value..	0.7	4.4	0.6	2.3	4.3
Tin (tin content).....long tons..	1,801	1,267	3,783	898	455
value..	4.0	2.8	8.6	1.9	0.9
Zinc (zinc content).....1,000 lb..	41,026	62,128	46,693	74,855	90,091
value..	1.7	3.0	1.9	3.3	4.3
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates.....value..	6.5	8.4	7.3	6.5	6.2
All other crude materials.....value..	27.4	26.3	30.3	31.4	26.9
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	152.6	155.6	136.5	151.9	161.4
Fish and shellfish.....1,000 lb..	52,422	49,223	43,386	45,752	39,847
value..	16.9	16.4	15.3	13.5	12.2
Cattle, except for breeding.....thousands..	37	76	64	57	94
value..	4.0	6.9	9.2	6.8	10.8
Grains.....value..	4.1	2.7	2.4	3.2	4.2
Vegetables, fresh and dried.....value..	1.4	3.5	1.1	3.5	3.8
Bananas.....1,000 bunches..	5,766	5,537	5,463	4,518	4,064
value..	8.9	7.8	7.4	6.5	5.8
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	70	68	42	40	37
value..	17.4	16.7	14.9	13.7	14.4
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	252	240	199	255	222
value..	84.3	82.3	73.1	91.1	97.5
Tea.....1,000 lb..	9,940	10,588	8,983	9,140	8,618
value..	4.8	5.2	4.1	4.3	4.0
Black pepper, unground.....1,000 lb..	2,188	2,364	2,341	2,914	2,889
value..	1.2	1.4	0.5	0.7	0.6
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	9.4	12.6	8.5	8.7	8.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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JUNE 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	June 1960	May 1960	June 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	140.6	144.9	147.7	133.2	125.3
Meat products.....1,000 lb..	66,692	57,313	101,070	81,209	70,817
value..	29.7	24.3	38.5	32.8	27.9
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	4,494	4,670	5,148	5,322	4,645
value..	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.3
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	33,893	32,485	36,670	43,453	39,886
value..	10.3	9.5	11.9	12.3	11.0
Fodders and feeds.....value..	1.4	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.8
Cane sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	921	1,089	964	756	772
value..	49.9	58.3	52.3	41.3	43.3
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	41,568	60,560	25,880	24,205	28,698
value..	3.5	5.7	3.1	3.0	3.7
Whisky.....value..	15.8	14.7	13.0	14.8	13.2
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	27.8	29.0	24.5	24.8	22.2
Semimanufactures.....value..	269.2	243.3	306.2	275.4	220.2
Leather.....value..	3.7	3.3	4.0	4.0	2.6
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	353	324	349	303	200
value..	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	5.9	3.8	5.0	4.7	4.1
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	17,718	3,085	11,022	9,285	9,300
value..	1.1	0.2	0.9	0.8	0.7
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	6.8	5.6	6.2	5.2	3.7
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	418	408	490	339	283
value..	32.8	29.9	40.5	28.1	21.8
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	211	193	214	203	175
value..	27.1	25.1	27.5	26.2	23.1
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	17,522	16,313	16,172	19,833	17,503
value..	37.4	33.7	34.3	42.1	41.5
Asbestos.....long tons..	61,465	45,226	57,262	48,928	43,706
value..	5.3	4.4	5.8	4.6	4.0
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	77	75	101	77	60
value..	7.3	7.6	7.7	7.2	5.7
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	14.7	15.4	23.4	23.2	7.5
Aluminum.....value..	10.1	7.9	18.2	12.6	11.8
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	83	77	70	62	56
value..	26.5	23.3	21.1	18.6	13.7
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	40,187	30,613	49,333	46,556	61,159
value..	5.3	4.4	6.0	6.2	6.6
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	14,870	11,391	25,466	19,370	15,448
value..	11.7	8.1	16.1	12.3	10.2
Tin.....1,000 lb..	9,353	7,297	12,282	8,744	8,275
value..	9.2	7.0	12.2	8.6	7.5
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	31,194	13,761	26,432	27,583	31,111
value..	3.8	1.7	2.5	2.8	3.0
Coal-tar products.....value..	5.7	4.8	5.6	4.9	3.9
Industrial chemicals.....value..	8.2	8.0	8.6	7.8	6.0
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	109	156	127	158	128
value..	4.1	6.4	4.9	5.2	4.9
All other semimanufactures.....value..	41.7	41.6	55.0	49.4	37.4
Finished manufactures.....value..	451.4	453.0	457.2	430.7	324.8
Leather manufactures.....value..	7.2	6.7	5.7	7.0	5.1
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.3
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq. yd..	50,720	35,877	16,595	20,031	11,750
value..	8.8	6.5	3.6	4.3	3.2
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	14.5	13.8	12.5	12.5	9.3
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	87,488	92,716	93,492	80,623	70,910
1,000 lb..	51,273	53,000	56,195	49,485	40,641
value..	8.8	9.0	8.6	7.6	6.3
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.3
Wool manufactures.....value..	16.0	13.2	16.0	14.3	10.9
Silk manufactures.....value..	6.4	4.8	6.2	6.1	4.8
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	212	215	231	178	178
value..	2.0	2.0	2.3	1.8	1.6
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	476	481	458	437	407
value..	60.5	61.0	59.5	55.5	51.2
Other paper manufactures.....value..	6.2	6.6	6.7	6.5	5.0
Pottery.....value..	5.3	5.3	4.9	4.8	3.9

See footnotes at end of table.





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JUNE 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	June 1960	May 1960	June 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	24.1	27.5	31.8	28.8	13.4
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	11.3	9.9	9.2	9.3	6.4
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	14.0	13.3	18.1	14.1	10.2
Automobiles and parts.....value..	49.6	62.7	74.6	70.3	46.0
Other machinery.....value..	50.3	47.4	41.8	40.0	28.8
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	13.5	12.0	10.6	10.2	10.5
Photographic goods.....value..	5.0	4.6	4.2	4.2	3.4
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.4
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.2	1.9	2.2	2.4	1.6
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	6.0	5.7	5.4	4.9	3.4
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.7	3.9
American goods returned.....value..	19.9	18.5	21.2	19.5	16.6
All other finished manufactures <sup>2</sup> .....value..	96.5	98.2	89.7	84.8	65.1
Estimated value \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments <sup>2</sup> .....value..	11.1	10.8	11.0	10.2	8.3

<sup>1</sup>Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.

<sup>2</sup>For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.

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